

# Marion County Farm Bureau

"Bringing Value to our Members" Board Meeting; May 13, 2020 – 6:30pm Meeting is open to all MCFB members and guests

# **Zoom Conference Call**

## **Minutes**

<b>Board Members</b>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Spec	Apr	May	Jun	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Anne Krahmer	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Bruce Chapin	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Dana Estensen	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Dylan Wells	X	X	X	X	X	X						
<b>Greg Bennett</b>	X	-	X	X	X	X						
Jessie DeJager	X	-	X	X	X	X						
Joe Ruef	X	X	X	X	X	X						
John Zielinski	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Kathleen Carl	X	-	X	X	X	X						
<b>Keith Ditchen</b>	-	X	-	X	X	-						
Lisa Stone	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Matt Dunbar	X	X	-	-	•	-					·	·
Richard Hostetter	X	X	X	X	•	X					_	
Stuart Olson	X	X	-	X	X	-						

Staff: Jill Ingalls

Ashley Christie

Guest: Danielle Bethell, Keizer Chamber of Commerce Director

President Dylan Wells called the meeting to order at 6:32pm

## **Consent Agenda**

Minutes: Board reviewed minutes of April 8, 2020 meeting

Motion: Greg Bennett moved to accept the minutes as presented, Kathleen Carl seconded.

Motion passed unanimously\*

Financial Report: Board reviewed P&L statement and discussed Marion County Fair and Ag Fest sponsorships.

Motion: John Zielinski moved to accept financial report, Bruce Chapin seconded.

Motion passed unanimously\*

Motion: John Zielinski moved to continue sponsorship of Marion County Fair but ask for funds returned

from Ag fest, Lisa Stone seconded.

Motion passed unanimously\*

### **Old Business**

Willamette Reallocation Lawsuit: update given during OFBF District 15 Director's report

## President's Report

4H Extension Service District Meeting report: Working on next year budget. Mark Chen is new Marion County District rep, he wants to reach out to share what extension service offers with FB members. Request sent to stop contract with Soccer Program because services are not being provided. Dylan appointed Budget Committee Chair.



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Greg Bennett looking into Paycheck Protection Program loan restrictions for farmers. Filed complaint because it can not be used for contract labor and is not retroactive. Government fear of contract worker company double dipping.

### **New Business**

**OSHA Ag Employer Requirements**: Bruce Chapin is discussing issues with Dept. of Agriculture. New requirements such as double the amount of toilets and washing facilities, PPE supplies, beds at labor camps, isolation and quarantine buildings that farmers can't manufacture within 30 day limits. Commissioner Cameron confirmed that Marion County Health Dept. would find quarantine space for farm workers that contract COVID-19.

2021 Farm Bureau Dues: haven't been raised for a couple years, board agrees to leave dues at current rate

#### **MCFB Committee Reports**

**Scholarship Committe** (Dana Estensen/Kathleen Carl/Lisa Stone/Destinee Schuster)
Ten scholarships awarded this year, 8 Mary Petzel and 2 Scott Miller. Board agree to let committee decide how budgeted \$8500 is allocated between the two awards.

# **OFB Advisory Committees**

National Affairs: discussed PPP and EIDL, OSHA requirements

Bruce Chapin reported that there is movement on House Bill 2202 regarding holding miners accountable for reclaiming gravel from pits and utilizing as much rock as possible

**OFBF District 15 Director's report**: John Zielinski reported from meeting – OFB received clean audit report, 17% budget cut expected across the board, Yamhill Rails to Trails program, PP&L rate increase, Attempt to stop minimum wage increase this year because of COVID-19, Beyond Toxics presentation on hemp and cannabis chemical absorption, Summer Ag Institute cancelled, Women's Bounty event still planned for October, Protein and Beef shortages

Willamette Reallocation Lawsuit: Court granted our opinion to intervene

**YF&R Report:** Matt Dunbar supplied report – No public events or outreach currently, Annual Oregon Conference still planned for November. Sam Coleman flight reimbursement settled without need for MCFB funds

## **Next Meeting Agenda Items**

Ingalls and Associates Contract Renewal

Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm

\*due to technical difficulties Jessie DeJager's votes could not be heard